



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

October 2, 2002

### **S. 2897**

### **Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2002**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works  
on September 26, 2002*

#### **SUMMARY**

S. 2897 would direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to support activities to protect and conserve marine turtles. The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$5 million a year over the 2004-2008 period for the Secretary to convene an advisory panel and provide financial assistance to eligible government agencies, international or foreign organizations, or private entities engaged in such activities. CBO estimates that such assistance would cost \$19 million over the 2004-2007 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts. S. 2897 also would authorize the Secretary to accept and use donations to provide financial assistance; hence, the bill could increase revenues and direct spending. Based on information from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, however, CBO estimates that any new revenues and subsequent direct spending would be insignificant.

S. 2897 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

#### **ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

CBO estimates that implementing S. 2897 would cost \$19 million through fiscal year 2007, and an additional \$6 million in later years. For this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 2897 will be enacted during fiscal year 2003 and that authorized amounts will be provided as specified in the bill. Estimates of outlays are based on historic spending patterns for similar programs. The estimated budgetary impact of S. 2897 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>					
Authorization Level	0	5	5	5	5
Estimated Outlays	0	1	4	8	6

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

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